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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: CONTACT GROUP MEETING AUGUST 18: MESSAGES TO
PARTIES ON NEED FOR RESTRAINT

1. CONTACT GROUP MET AUGUST 18 AND QUICKLY APPROVED AD
REFERENDUM, TEXTS OF MESSAGES TO SAG, FRONTLINE PLUS
NIGERIA, AND SWAPO ON THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT REGARDING
MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN NAMIBIA.
2. UNLESS CAPITALS PERCEIVE OBJECTION, GROUP SUGGESTS
THAT MESSAGES FROM GOVERNMENTS OF FIVE TO SAG (FOURIE/BOTHA)
TO FRONTLINE AND NIGERIA, AND TO SWAPO (IN NEW YORK AND
LUSAKA) BE DELIVERED THROUGH RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES OF FIVE
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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT IN ANY EVENT BEFORE AHTISAARI'S
DEPARTURE FROM NAMIBIA. EMBASSIES MAY WISH TO MAKE POINTS
ORALLY, LEAVING WRITTEN TEXT IF DESIRED. TEXT OF
SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO SAG FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN

QUOTE. OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ALLOW A UNITED NATIONS SURVEY MISSION LED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR. AHTISAARI, INTO NAMIBIA, AS WELL AS THE FULL COOPERATION WHICH IS BEING EXTENDED TO THEM BY THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND BY HIS SERVICES. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND FERVENTLY HOPE THAT THEY WILL LEAD IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED AMONG OURSELVES.

OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALSO TAKEN NOTE WITH CONCERN OF THE REPORTS OF A NUMBER OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS THAT ARE SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT DAYS IN THE NORTH OF NAMIBIA. WHILE IN A FORMAL SENSE, A CEASEFIRE CANNOT BE INSTITUTED UNTIL THE PASSAGE OF A FURTHER RESOLUTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, OUR GOVERNMENTS DEEPLY DEPLORE ANY SUCH INCIDENTS, PARTICULARLY AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE. WE WISH TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION, IN THIS CONTEXT, THE CALL FOR GENERAL RESTRAINT MADE ON AUGUST 16 BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS CALL AND WE, OURSELVES, ARE ISSUING A SIMILAR APPEAL TO SWAPO AND TO THE FRONTLINE STATES. ANY ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE, THROUGH INITIATION OF HOSTILE ACTS OR RETALIATION, CAN ONLY PUT IN JEOPARDY THE LONG SOUGHT AFTER INDEPENDENCE PROCESS WHICH, THROUGH YOUR COOPERATION, WE ARE CONFIDENT OF ACHIEVING. END QUOTE.

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4. TEXT OF SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO FRONTLINE, NIGERIA, AND SWAPO FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: AS.....IS WELL AWARE, CONTINUING MILITARY ACTIVITY BY EITHER SIDE CAN HAVE A SERIOUS EFFECT ON IMPLEMENTING THE NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. WE FULLY SHARE THE CONCERNS ON THIS MATTER EXPRESSED BY SYG WALDHEIM ON AUGUST 16 AND SUPPORT HIS URGENT APPEAL TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM RESTRAINT.

WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE CAN BE NO FORMAL CEASE-FIRE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL UNTIL AFTER SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE MANDATE FOR UNTAG, THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF THE TRANSITIONAL PROCESS WILL DEPEND UPON THE GOODWILL AND THE COOPERATION EXTENDED BY THE PARTIES TOWARD UNTAG AND TOWARD ONE ANOTHER. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CONCERNED SHOULD SEE THE ADVANTAGES OF RESTRAINT, ESPECIALLY DURING THE VERY DELICATE PERIOD WHICH PRECEDES SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A MANDATE AND THE FIRM ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA.

IN THIS RESPECT WE URGE BEGIN BRACKETS.....TO USE ITS
INFLUENCE WITH END BRACKETS SWAPO BEGIN BRACKETS TO
IMPRESS UPON THEM THE NEED END BRACKETS TO REFRAIN FROM
ANY ARMED ACTIVITY, EVEN PRIOR TO A FORMAL CEASE-FIRE,
PREJUDICIAL TO THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS FOR THE UN-SUPER-
VISED TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTACT GROUP ARE MAKING SIMILAR
APPROACHES TO THE BEGIN BRACKETS OTHER END BRACKETS FRONT
LINE STATES, BEGIN BRACKETS NIGERIA, END BRACKETS BEGIN
BRACKETS SWAPO END BRACKETS AND SOUTH AFRICA. END QUOTE.
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